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Women's Institute Bazaar Nov. 25th

The W.I. Bazaar will be held in Keifer's hall on Saturday afternoon, November 25th. There will be useful and fancy articles on the sewing table, home cooking and candy table, novelty pick pocket apron. Tea will be served during the afternoon. There will be three articles raffled; 1st, 1st, 2nd, 2nd, silk bedspread; 3rd, hand made wool rug. All hand made baby's dress and slip will be raffled. Tickets can be bought from any Institute member. We are looking for the same kind of support of the public as we have received in the past.

All Institute members who have bazaar work are asked to kindly hand it in to the bazaar committee not later than November 11.

In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scars heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, fell down, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

To up our quarrel with the foe!
To those falling hands we throw
The torch. Be yours to lift it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies blow
In Flanders' fields.

Lt.-Col. John McCrae.

During 1938, the Junior Red Cross in Canada provided treatment for 1,753 handicapped children, mostly from families in remote areas who were brought to hospitals.

Large Attendance at Irma Y. P. U.

The Irma Y.P.U. met in the United Church on the evening of November 2nd, with a large attendance of about 70 present. The meeting was opened with a hymn, after which Althea Knudson gave a short prayer. The topic for the evening was given by Max Webber on "Christian Fellowship."

The devotional part of the meeting was concluded by another hymn.

The business meeting dealt mainly with the division of the Union into four groups, each with a definite object. The Christian Fellowship group is led by Mrs. Larson; Christian Culture under the leadership of Betty McLean; Christian Citizenship led by Bob Zimmerman, and Christian Missions by Ruth Reeds. Each group will be responsible in turn for a meeting.

A short program followed: a hymn singing, led by Mrs. Larson and Althea Knudson; a reading by Mary Currie; vocal solo by Marjorie McFarland; a quartette by Marjorie McFarland, Evelyn Elford, Jack Peter and Ray Locke; and skit under the direction of Marie Webber.

The young people then adjourned to basement of the church and all joined heartily in the games. Lunch was then served by the group in charge.

The next meeting of the Irma Y.P.U. will be held in the church on November 23rd. Betty McLean's group will be in charge of the meeting.

APPLICATIONS FOR AUDITOR

Applications for position of Auditor invited for Wainwright School Division No. 22. Applications to be received at November 20th, 1939, State qualifications.

D. H. CURRIE,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Wainwright, Alta.

Obituary.

MRS. MERLE SHANTZ DIES
AT SELMA, CALIFORNIA

(From the Selma Irrigator)

The Selma community was saddened by the death on Thursday, October 19, of Mrs. Lennie Edith Shantz, wife of Merle Shantz, who had been in critical condition in the Selma Sanitarium for nearly two weeks. Every resource of medical science, including blood transfusions, were employed in an effort to save her life.

Mrs. Shantz, who was only 28 years of age at the time of her death, was a young woman possessed of an extremely pleasing personality and was friendly and vivacious in manner. She joined the Selma Women's Club in 1927 and had been an active member of the Selma Parent-Teacher Association ever since her children had attended school. At the time of her death she was first vice-president of the organization and room mother chairman. In May, 1936, she attended the thirty-ninth annual convention of the P.T.A. in San Francisco as the representative of the local organization.

Mrs. Shantz was born July 29, 1911, in Irma, Alberta, Canada. In December of 1923 she came to California with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Peterson, who established their new home in Los Angeles, where their daughter attended the Belmont High School. Mr. Peterson became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1929 and his daughter automatically became a citizen at that time.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Shantz leaves three children, Jerry, 9, Don, 7, and Edith, 5. She is also survived by her parents; one brother, Charlie S. Peterson, of Redding; an uncle, Charles G. Peterson of Hanford and other relatives in Canada.

Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Shantz and their children took an extended trip to Canada where Mrs. Shantz visited her girlhood home.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the chapel of the Byrne Funeral Parlors. Rev. O. L. Enyeart, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiated. Mrs. Chester E. Shepard sang. Burial was in Floral Memorial Park.

PRIVATE SALE OF LANDS

Under the provisions of the Tax Recovery Act, 1938, the council of the Municipal District of Battle River, No. 423, will receive Private Bids at the council meeting on Monday, November 18th, 1939, at their office at Irma, Alberta, for the following lands which the Municipal District holds title.

Pt. of Sec.	Sec.	Twp.	Rg.	M.
NE	13	44	7	4
NW	13	44	7	4
SW	13	44	7	4
SE	13	44	7	4
SE	6	45	7	4
Pt. SW	12	45	7	4
1 acre.				
NE	27	45	7	4
SE	10	45	8	4
S 1/2 of NW	28	45	8	4
SW	28	45	8	4
NE	2	44	9	4
NW	2	44	9	4
SE	2	44	9	4
NW	2	44	9	4
SW	2	44	9	4
NW	6	44	9	4
NW	7	44	9	4
SE	9	44	9	4
NW	17	44	9	4
NW	22	44	9	4
SW	26	45	9	4
NE	30	45	9	4
NE	15	46	7	4
SE	15	46	7	4
NW	15	46	7	4
SW	15	46	7	4
SW	34	46	7	4
SE	36	46	7	4

Any private bid received is subject to the approval of sale by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and subject to upset price and to the reservations contained in the existing certificates of title.

Terms will be announced at time of sale.

Lowest or any bid not necessarily accepted.

CHARLES WILBERAHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The World of Wheat

H. G. L. Strange

Mr. Broomhall, in the latest issue of "Corn Trade News" writes as follows on the wheat situation: "It is a happy augury for the success of the Allied cause that a huge surplus reserve of some 400 to 450 million bushels exists on the other side of the Atlantic, within a fortnight's steamer journey of these shores. The British government and the British people are thankful now that Canada did not reduce her acreage in any wholesale manner, such as would have been necessary if a system of international control had been enforced."

This column on October 11th, expressed the same sentiments, but it is nice to know from Great Britain herself that our Canadian surplus is so valuable to the Allies.

It does seem, therefore, as though it would be only fair if Great Britain and her Allies would pay a bare "cost of production" price for wheat they use during the war, just as they are paying a fair price for most, if not all, other war commodities, and \$1.15 I believe would be near such a price. Certainly the present price of 70 cents a bushel is far below the present cost of wheat production.

World of Sport

By H. B. C.

With artificial ice everywhere in America now, the game of hockey comes along without waiting for the snow to tell us that winter is here. Big business has put the National League group of teams in the big money class. To insure a supply of recruits for these teams, the Minor Leagues have been invaded and "farm teams" purchased, so that today there exists a great system of player slavery. But you don't hear the slaves squawking as long as the "long green" continues to come along weekly. The fact is that the players are sold and traded and ordered here and there makes little difference to the players. Of course the ambitious boy wants to make the big tent and be in the main ring of the circus, so he goes out to do his best and earn promotion. Today there is a wonderful opportunity for boys to earn big money in the hockey game.

On Saturday night the Maple Leafs put on a great show for their first night performance in the league schedule, when they covered the world champion Boston Bruins with shellac. The 12,000 cash customers in the Toronto rink plus a half million radio fans, which a 5-0 score can produce, thrill which a 5-0 score can produce, when the score is in favor of the home team. Boston seemed lost without the services of Eddie Shore. However that is just the owner.

In the football game between the Regina Roughriders and the Calgary Stampeders, the latter won last Saturday the right to meet the Winnipeg team for the western Canada title next Saturday. In Paul Rowe, Calgary has the leading scorer of the league. His super ability carried his team to victory, for there was no stopping him once he got going. On one charge he bowled over three tacklers to make a touchdown; then kicked his own ball for the convert. Maybe Calgary can do it again with the Winnipeg outfit.

Table tennis appears to be going in high gear in Edmonton. Throughout the city the game is popular in a dozen local clubs, and representative teams from these meet in the King Edward in tournament play. Local fans should visit these rooms and note the skill displayed. It will prove a revelation to those who look upon ping pong as a sort of a silly game.

THE CAREFUL DRIVER

"If our automobile drivers, and our pedestrians too, could visit the hospitals where today's traffic victims—those who could realize that all of these needless accidents occur and these lives are destroyed because of inadequate protection of some kind—then I am confident that the constructive program of traffic accident prevention would be advanced much faster." —W. H. Cameron, managing director, National Safety Council.

Re-Elect Social Credit Officers

Interesting Items From Kinsella

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cullum expect to leave this week for the States. They intend to spend the winter in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Miss Marion Watson was home last week from her school north of Holden. The Holloway's party at the school was a big success. Every one present was in costume and Miss Marjory Uniakowski won the first prize dressed as an Indian girl.

Jimmie Leighton was home for the week from the Edmonton regiment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McRae and Mr. Andy Miller were Edmonton visitors last week-end.

Mr. Wm. Carpenter has started up a meat market on the corner of Main St. and First Ave.

A road crew under J. Zelinski is busy this week opening up the road straight south of town, past the cemetery. When this road is finished it will bring the people southwest of town two miles closer and be a more direct route to Longholt.

NEWS ITEMS FROM JARROW

Church News

IRMA UNITED CHURCH

Services for Sunday, November 12: Albert—Public worship, 11:30 a.m. Alma Mater—public worship 8 p.m. Frma—Sunday school 11 a.m.

Public worship 7:30 p.m. In connection with the special visitation plan for the various charges of the Wainwright Presbytery, a supper meeting and round table conference for officers of the various organizations of the church and Sunday school teachers will be held in the church basement on Wednesday evening, November 15th, at 6:30. The supper will be served at 6 p.m. The service will be held in the community hall on Friday with a large attendance. The sale of goods in connection with the supper will be good as previous years. The concert held after the supper will be received by an appreciative audience.

JOHNSON—OWEN

Francis G. Johnson and Alice Owen were united in marriage at the Jarrows' manse on November 9th, in the presence of the father, mother, and three sisters of the groom, and the father, mother and sister of the bride. Miss Emma Johnson acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Leonard Owen was best man.

After the marriage ceremony the young couple took the train for Edmonton. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their home on a farm south of Jarrows.

Rev. R. W. Griffith officiated at the ceremony.

In the constant exchange of gifts between Junior Red Cross branches all over the world, Canadian children last year received thousands of letters from foreign members and 522 consignments of parcels. Thirty-two countries participated in the exchange with Canadian children, ranging from Australia to Latvia, and from the Philippines to Sweden.

PUBLIC SALE OF LANDS UNDER THE TAX RECOVERY ACT, 1938

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BATTLE RIVER, No. 423

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of The Tax Recovery Act, 1938, the Municipal District of Battle River, No. 423, will offer for sale, by public auction, at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, at Irma, Alberta, on Monday, the 13th day of November, 1939, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the following lands.

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Fr. NE	36	44	7	4
(8 acres)				
SE	13	45	7	4
SW	13	45	7	4
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NE	8	45	8	4
SE	4	44	9	4
SE	21	44	9	4
NW	30	44	9	4
SW	3	45	9	4
SE	8	46	7	4
SE	21	45	9	4
SE	35	46	7	4

Each parcel will be offered for sale subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations contained in the existing certificates of title.

Terms cash, unless otherwise arranged.

Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the date of the sale.

Dated at Irma, Alberta, this 14th day of September, 1939.

CHARLES WILBERAHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Department of Fisheries,
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The Value Of Trees

The value of trees is almost incalculable. On large or small scale arboriculture, the science of the cultivation of trees, can be made to yield dividends in cash, kind and comfort; in cash, because their produce may be sold; in kind, when their maintenance is used to promote the production of other commodities and in comfort, where they are used to satisfy a sense of appreciation of beauty and love of home surroundings.

While much has been done in recent years to stimulate the cultivation of trees in the prairie provinces, it is surprising that much more has not been done when one reflects on the many benefits which trees confer upon mankind.

Consider, for instance, only the direct economic value of trees, that is to say, the produce which they can yield in the form of a cash return to the grower. The direct cash value of trees is so multiform that a column might well be filled in enumerating the great variety of saleable produce which can give. To mention only a few of them, reference might be made to timber for building construction, posts for fencing, logs for fuel, wickerwork and basketry, stakes for horticulturists, repair parts for farm equipment and fruit and sap for human and animal nourishment.

When one reflects on the variety of return possible from the growth of trees it is surprising that there are not more farmers growing them as a cash crop. Many of the things enumerated above could be sold for cash on the prairies and many of these products used on the farms on which they are grown, thus saving the necessity for cash expenditure to acquire them.

Needed On Every Farm

Fence posts and fuel, for instance, are a necessity on every farm. A few acres planted to quick growing trees of the right type, properly tended and intelligently harvested, would provide these two essentials for the grower in perpetuity.

While the direct cash value of trees grown on the farm may be great, they may also have an even greater indirect cash value where they are used to provide shelter for other crops and for livestock, to prevent soil erosion and drifting and to harbor and conserve moisture. Even where not a single tree is cut down for fuel or for fencing, a shelter belt can be used to immense advantage as an aid to the cultivation of vegetables and fruits, to protect, and furnish moisture for, cereal and other field crops and as a shelter for horses, cattle and sheep they have a value that is almost incalculable.

The use of trees as an adjunct to diversified agriculture is a necessity, and without them, it would be difficult to make any farm a self-sustaining unit.

But trees can be made to yield dividends in a form other than dollars and cents, and there are many who would be willing to say that their in-tangible value is even greater than that measured by the yardstick of currency returns. Reference, of course, is made to the influences which trees have in the promotion of love of home, in the sense of satisfaction which they bring to those who grow them and live with them, in their ability to satisfy man's yearning for the beautiful and the appeal they have to the aesthetic side of man's nature.

An Alluring Prospect

The appearance of a group of farm buildings on a prairie knoll without a tree to soften their outlines or the verdure of shrubs to anchor them to earth and blend them with the surrounding landscape leaves an impression on the spectator of something vital missing from the scene. And yet there are many such.

A structure similar to that just depicted cannot be called by any other name than a "house"—a place to get away from as often as possible. The place where the dwelling is surrounded by a shelter belt with graceful trees attracting songbirds and encircling a garden well stocked with fruits, flowers and vegetables, must be dignified by the name of "home"—a place which beckons and allures.

The more farm homes, as distinguished from houses, there are on the prairies, the more permanence there will be to citizenship, the more pride there will be in the community, the more stability there will be in the great industry of the west—agriculture, and these things spell the welfare of the country.

By all means, let us have more trees.

Almost the first feature to be censored from Paris newspapers was the crossword puzzle, as puzzles are supposed to have been used for spy communication in the last war.

Each year, Canadian smokers account for 700 cigarettes and 14 cigars each. Nearly 7,000,000,000 cigarettes are consumed in the country annually.

Not quite as famous as its western brother, the Colorado river of Texas rises in the northwestern section of that state and empties into the Gulf of Mexico.

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A Little Polish History

Marvellous Powers Of Recuperation Shown After The World War

When Poland was set up at the end of the World War the area it took over had lost 1,800,000 buildings, 2,000,000 cattle, 1,000,000 horses, 1,000,000 sheep and goats. Half of all its bridges—7,500—were destroyed, as well as 940 railway stations. All of the rolling stock of the railways in Russian Poland had been stolen, as well as 4,259 electric motors and 3,844 tooling machines.

More completely devastated than any country except Belgium, Poland had 11,000,000 acres of farm land put out of use and lost 6,000,000 acres of forest. Her textile industry was smashed, foundries and steel works shut down. War with Bolshevik Russia lasted two years after the general peace.

Not until 1920 did Pilsudski insure Poland's independence by smashing Russia's invasion; not until 1926 was Poland's political regime stable and its budget balanced. Thus Poland had only 13 years of reconstruction. Ten of them were years of bitter, world-wide depression. In these years:

Poland reduced illiteracy from 33 per cent. to 15 per cent. In the regions formerly held by Russia, where 80 per cent. were illiterate, all but 18 per cent. had been taught to read. Poland had 15 times as many schools as before the war, had 30,000 elementary schools that enrolled 5,000,000 students, 2,000 high schools, 27 universities.

Besides an army, she had built a navy of 18 warships; built a merchant marine from nothing to 112,600 tons; built the port of Gdynia on the Baltic from a town of 400 in 1923 to one of 150,000 in 1939; purchased 6,000,000 tons from large landowners to create 700,000 new farms in a broad and progressive program of land distribution.

Her population had increased more rapidly than any in Europe; by 1926 her wheat and rice production surpassed her pre-war average. Poland was Europe's third largest producer of crude oil, the world's third largest producer of zinc. She had rebuilt her steel industry to eighth largest in Europe, had laid 823 miles of railroads, built 6,750 hydro-electric plants. And although her impoverished peasantry constituted a problem that no intelligent Pole denied, farm wealth had steadily increased; Poland ranked fifth among the world's powers in horses, eighth in cattle, fifth in pigs.

Rate of increase in her productive capacity was more remarkable than its quantitative increase: between 1936 and 1938 coal production jumped 25 per cent.; steel production 25 per cent.; zinc production 15 per cent.; cement production 50 per cent.

Heartbroken and embittered, Poland's leaders faced more than the loss of their country at the railway station in Rumania. No trains ran to the destination that they had to face. The Republic was dead. In its 20 years of life it had only a period between 1926 and 1929, some 30 months at most, of prosperity. The men who divided it talked of the injustice of the treaty of Versailles. Time.

Humor And The War

Laughter An Important Asset In Job Of Winning The War

Sir Seymour Hicks, the veteran actor, radiating his particular brand of intimate charm over the microphone in a talk on humor and the war, said that laughter was an important asset in the job of winning a war and one which the Nazis conspicuously haven't got. The English have it, and they may need it before they win this one, which everyone here sees more and more as a lineup of the forces of decency against those of thuggery. London correspondent of the New Yorker.

Medical Discovery

Partial Success In Preventing Fatal Clotting Of The Heart's Main Artery

Partial success in preventing coronary thrombosis, a fatal clotting of the heart's main artery and a common cause of death, through use of a compound called heparin was reported by Dr. Charles H. Best of Toronto, co-discoverer of insulin.

Dr. Best's paper dealing with his work was read at a meeting of scientists in connection with observance of the University of Minnesota medical school's 50th anniversary.

The careful driver doesn't need a horn. Driving without a horn is certainly quieter and, on the whole, might be safer.

Over 1,000,000 sheets of sharkskin leather were produced in Japan in the last year.

The Royal Oak

British Sailors Have Attached Ill-Omen To The Name

British sailors have attached an ill-omen to the name Royal Oak ever since the Dutch sailed up the Medway in 1667 and burned the first of the line.

The battleship sunk recently was the 11th Royal Oak in the Royal Navy—a commemoration of the Oak Tree at Boscombe, Shropshire, in which the fugitive King Charles II hid after the battle of Worcester in 1651.

Within a month of being commissioned in 1916, the vessel was in action at Jutland, next in line after the Iron Duke, flagship of the British fleet in that battle.

Other Royal Oaks have been unfortunate in war.

In 1778 a Royal Oak was one of the heaviest sufferers in a battle with American revolutionaries and the French.

The recent Spanish civil war brought misfortune to the battleship just sunk. Five of her crew were injured when an anti-aircraft shell fell on her deck during a Spanish National bombardment of Valencia February 24, 1937.

Eleven years ago the Royal Oak was the scene of a social scandal which resulted in the conviction of two senior officers by court martial and retirement on half pay of Rear Admiral Bernard St. George Collard. The officers were punished for violating naval regulations in protesting the conduct of the admiral, who was accused of "uncontrollable fits of temper" and of insulting members of the ship's company who were not in a position to reply.

In December, 1935, a sabotage attempt was discovered during the refitting of the Royal Oak.

Failure of her electric system caused a short circuit. A sail pin one-eighth of an inch in diameter pierced a two-inch cable connecting the control tower of the battleship and the dockyard station.

In 1914, another attempt to

make a pair of socks with an 11-inch foot length, which is the regulation size set out by the society.

New Car Improvements

Cutch And Gearshift Eliminated And Car Operates Itself

A glimpse at the 1940 motor car on display at the National Automobile Show reveals the new "fluid" drive—an automatic flywheel transmission, eliminating clutch, clutch pedal and gearshift levers. The car literally operates itself with the aid of accelerator and brake.

It starts from standstill in "high," changing its own gears through first second and third until at 23 m.p.h. it enters fourth speed.

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In the steel industry, "whiskers"

are the thin fins of steel which cling

to the point of a nail as it comes

from the nail machine.

If you lived on the moon, you

could see the sun and the stars at

the same time.

War news reveals how easy it is

to serve an internship without being

a recently graduated medical student.

Southern Rhodesia will hold a

jubilee celebration next year.

ROYAL ASSURES AN APPETIZING LOAF



Socks For Soldiers

Canadian Red Cross Society Tells How They Should Be Knit

Knitters are asked by the Canadian Red Cross Society to knit tightly, firmly and plainly. As washing facilities are not so handy in wartime, socks must be made to endure long wear and a great amount of strain. Heelless socks are not practical, officials say, because they would not prove comfortable in a long day's wear. Heather mixtures are most popular in wool chosen, although a bright thread included in a plain color might add a bit of color to a soldier's existence and also in identification of a man's own socks.

It takes 4½ ounces of 4-ply fingering knit on No. 11 needles to make a pair of socks with an 11-inch foot length, which is the regulation size set out by the society.

Another Worry

Entomologists In Alberta Advise Campaign Against Hessian Fly

Another pest has reared its head in Alberta wheat fields, according to Prof. E. H. Strickland, department of entomology, University of Alberta, and steps should be taken immediately to stamp it out.

The new pest—the Hessian fly—was noticed first in Kinsella in 1938 and in 1939 350 square miles of farmland were infested. It does not bother oats or bromegrass. The fly maggots, hatched in June, suck the sap from the wheat stem and the stem bends over sharply when heading out. Damage to infested fields this year varied from five to 30 per cent. causing an average reduction in yield of about 10 per cent. Quality was lowered by one or two grades.

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Friendly To Britain

Premier Of Portugal Refers To The Centuries-Old Ties

Premier Antonio De Oliveira Salazar reaffirmed Portugal's neutral position but added that his country would adhere to its centuries-old friendship with Great Britain.

Speaking before the National Assembly (lower house), Premier Salazar said Germany informed Lisbon at the outset of the war that Berlin would respect the territory of Portugal and her possessions if this country remained neutral.

"Great Britain asked nothing of us, but we would fail our conscience if we did not reaffirm the sentiments of friendship and loyalty to the British alliance."

German Toys

Twenty Cardinals Arrive In New York For Christmas Trade

War has not stopped the shipment of Christmas toys from Germany. A cargo of 1,200 tons of German-made toys arrived in New York on the Holland America line freighter Boschdijk. A ship official said the toys were shipped from the Reich to The Netherlands in 20 freight cars after the outbreak of war. They were manufactured for the Christmas export trade.

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**THE RIVER
OF SKULLS**
by George Marsh

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WNU SERVICE

CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

"He must have had a streak of luck with the deer."

"He did. And he had a streak of luck leaving the River of Skulls. It looked at first," went on McCord, "as if he wouldn't find the river. He got into several, but finally followed a trail of blue clay and rusty quartz up a river and came to an alluvial flat below a gorge. The river was full of sand and gravel bars and he dug out some skulls and bones. Then he went to work panning the bars and struck it rich. Late in September, when the snow was falling and the small lakes frozen, he worked with his pan below that gorge, and as luck would have it part of the deer migration crossed below him. So he shot meat for his trip to Chimo. But he didn't show at the post the dust and nuggets he had in his pack bags and he would not admit he had found the river. An accident to the ship which delayed her return from Hudson's Bay saved him from wintering at Chimo and he reached Montreal. Then before he could find men with the backbone to travel with him to this River of Skulls and bring back a fortune, the war broke out."

"How much dust and nuggets did he manage to bring back with him?"

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"Around twenty thousand dollars' worth to show for a week's panning."

"Twenty thousand dollars?" Alan's jaw dropped in amazement.

"Yes. You see he'd struck a regular bonanza. He took a lot of heavy nuggets out of those sand-bars. And he didn't scratch the surface. The river had been washing that gold downstream from open quartz veins in the rock, from possibly as far as a hundred miles above, for centuries."

McCord continued his story as Alan refilled and lit his pipe.

Through their convalescence McCord and Drummond had studied the sketch map that the latter had carried on his body through the war; they made plans for the long journey into Ungava on their return. With them in the hospital were two men of their own battalion, who had enlisted under the names of Maddock and Sanford. They manifested marked curiosity in the whispered conversation of the two friends. One day, as John and Aleck were comparing Aleck's sketch with a map of Labrador they had obtained from London, they looked up to find Jim Maddock (now calling himself McQueen), who had noiselessly approached on slippery feet, staring over their shoulders.

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